[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is a special officer always needed there?

PRESIDENT: No, not always, but only when there is plague.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

DEMAND XVI—CHEMICAL EXAMINER, ETC.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 350 for the purchase of a microscope for the Chemical Examiner. There is at present a microscope in the Chemical Examiner's laboratory. But it is an old one and its magnifying power is very low. It has become thoroughly out of order. I need not tell the House how it is necessary for the Chemical Examiner's laboratory to have a microscope.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated*)(*Deputy President*): May I know what the Chemical Examiner did ever since the instrument went out of order? What other instrument was he using?

PRESIDENT: Now it has become thoroughly out of order.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chemical Examiner is also the Government Bacteriologist and he can occasionally make use of the instrument provided for that office.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House has no objection to sanction the demand.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIX.—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS—CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,722 under Demand XIX, Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments—Co-operative Societies—for the retention of 3 Temporary Co-operative Inspectors and 3 peons in connection with flood relief work. It will be seen from the budget for the current year that a special provision of Rs. 2 lakhs has been mad for the grant of special loans for flood relief and restoration in the flood-affected areas in North Travancore. This amount of Rs. 2 lakhs has to be distributed through Co-operative Societies to persons who apply for such loans. The matter was referred to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and he pointed out that there were about 780 Co-operative Societies in the State, with only 12 Inspectors, that this worked out at the rate of about 65 Societies *per* Inspector and that it would be impossible for these Inspectors to check the applications for the loans and to see to their proper distribution. Hence he applied for the services of three Temporary Inspectors for employment in flood-affected areas; and the matter having come up after the last meeting of the Council and orders having had to be passed urgently, their appointments had to be sanctioned by the Government

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